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U. LOWELL PROFESSOR AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

LOWELL, MASS. - Dr. Oliver Ford, a Pepperell resident and faculty member at the University of Lowell, has been named a 1979-80 American Council on Education Fellow in Academic Administration.

One of 35 national participants in the 15-year old program, Dr. Ford is among three in New England selected for the fellowship. A graduate of Tulane University, the American Graduate School of International Management, and the University of Connecticut, Dr. Ford has been associated with the University of Lowell since 1970. He is a past president of the Massachusetts Society of Professors at the campus and served as an officer in the Massachusetts Teachers' Association Committee on Colleges and Universities.

He has published several articles on the poet Charles Olson, and is a contributing author of <u>Charles Olson in Connecticut: Last Lectures</u>.

President J.W. Peltason of the American Council on Education announced the selection of the new Fellows, explaining that each participates in academic administration and policy making, working with two mentors, most often the president and chief academic officer, either on a home or host campus.

A survey of the first 13 years of the program shows that over 80% of more than 600 participants have made significant advances into leadership positions in academic administration. 54 have become presidents or chancellors, and more than 300 others have become vice-presidents, vice-chancellors, provosts, deans, or directors.

Dr. Ford will attend the Fellowship program's opening seminar at the University of Notre Dame in September. The American Council on Education is the nation's major coordinating body in postsecondary education. Through voluntary and cooperative action, the Council provides comprehensive leadership for improving education standards, policies, and procedures.

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